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Kbely Military Airfield

Identification Data

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1. [redacted] Numbers in parentheses below refer to numbers on the overlay.

- (1) Location of Kbely Military Airfield.¹
- (2) Road - asphalt, seven meters wide and in good condition. It led from Prague to Mlada Boleslav (N 50-25, E 14-54). This road had heavy two-way traffic.
- (3) Kbely - population 2000.
- (4) Location of Letnany Airfield.
- (5) Letnany Aircraft Plant - consisting of several buildings.

[redacted] a vertical aerodynamic tunnel, type "Cagi" (Centralnyi aerogidrodinamicheskyy Institut), was under construction;

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Site Layout

2. Enclosure 1 is a [redacted] sketch of Kbely Military Airfield. Numbers in parentheses below refer to numbers on the sketch.

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- (1) Aircraft Wreckage Dump - located at the foot of a slope.
- (2) Airfield Area - grassy surface, level terrain, well kept. Before the runway, Point (3), was constructed, this grassy area was used for landings and take-offs.
- (3) Runway - constructed in 1952 of concrete blocks (dimensions unknown). This runway was approximately 2000 meters long and 30 meters wide. Artificial drainage was installed along both sides, with concrete trellis openings. This type of drainage was also along the taxiways.

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- (4) Grass Strips - well kept. At times aircraft were parked on the strips.
- (5) Main Taxiway - constructed of concrete blocks (dimensions unknown). It was approximately 2000 meters long and seven meters wide. It had the same type of drainage as the runway, Point (3).

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- (6) Concrete Area.
- (7) Hangar - an old, reinforced-concrete construction measuring about 50X15X6 meters with a shed-type, corrugated sheet iron roof with skylights. On the southeast side of the hangar were four corrugated sheet iron, sliding doors. [redacted] 25X1
- [redacted] this hangar was used by the 1st Air Transport Regiment. [redacted] one MIG-17, belonging to General Vosahlo, five or six MIG-15-BIS and two B-33 aircraft parked in front of the hangar. [redacted] 25X1
- (8) Warehouse - a brick construction measuring about 15X8X4 meters, with a shed-type roof. [redacted] 25X1
- (9) Workshop - a brick construction measuring 20X8X6 meters, type of roof unknown. Entrance to this workshop was from the hangar, Point (7), although there was a door on the east wall. [redacted] 25X1
- (10) Office Building - same construction and dimensions as Point (9). [redacted] the main administrative offices of the 1st Air Transport Regiment were located here. 25X1
- (11) Billets - a two-story, brick construction, dimensions not recalled. Four two-room apartments located here were used by officers and their families.
- (12) Light and Radio Beacon - a pre-war construction made of brick, cone shaped, eight meters in diameter at the base and 20 meters high. [redacted] 25X1
- (13) Side Entrance - a mesh wire gate. Four guards were on duty at all times. They were armed with 7.62 mm caliber, type 21 submachine guns.
- (14) Guard Post - a one-story, brick construction measuring 8X5X4 meters, with a shed-type roof. Any person entering the airfield had to stop at this post and report the purpose of his visit and person to be visited. The guards then called the particular person who had to come and escort the visitor.
- (15) Meteorological Station - a L-shaped, two-story, brick building about eight meters high, five to six meters wide, length not recalled. This station housed offices for synoptic meteorology, bio-climatic research for the region of Prague, and weather interpretation from other airfields in Czechoslovakia. This station contained an electric anemometer [redacted] Messages were sent from this station to the control tower, Point (15A), and back by means of a pneumatic tube system. This meteorological station sent out balloons daily to determine the winds aloft (pilotovany) 25X1

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- (15A) Control Tower - measuring about 5X5X15 meters with a round glass cupola on top. Inside two transmitter-receiver sets, LR-10 and LR-16 (former German FUG-10 and FUG-16). On top of the tower were two red lights which were lighted at night. One officer and five enlisted women worked in the tower. 25X1
- (16) POL Station - a sheet tin construction measuring about 5X2X2 meters. Inside the station were four hoses for refuelling aircraft. These hoses were approximately 20 meters long and capable of reaching aircraft parked outside the station.
- (17) Hangar - constructed of sheet metal with a shed-type roof and skylights. On the east wall were three metal sliding doors. This hangar measured about 30X12X8 meters and was used for aircraft from other airfields. Personnel referred to this hangar as the "hangar for foreign aircraft".
- (18) Three Sheds - constructed of corrugated sheet iron with flat roofs. Each shed measured about 8X4X4 meters. Purpose of these sheds was unknown.
- (19) Main Entrance - five to seven meter long mesh wire gate, guarded at all times.
- (20) Guard Post - constructed of brick with an asbestos, low-pitched gable roof. This post measured 12X8X5 meters. Several guards were posted here guarding the main entrance, Point (19). 25X1
- (21) Hangars - two or more in number, constructed of reinforced concrete, with round metal roofs and skylights. Each hangar measured 50-60X20X15 meters. These hangars were constructed before World War II and renovated after the war. The walls of these hangars were painted yellow. several ME-109F and B-33 aircraft parked in front.
- (22) Buildings - three or four in number, constructed of brick, dimensions and purpose unknown.
- (23) Fence - two meters high, constructed of mesh wire and concrete poles. On the inside of the fence was a 2.5 meter high hedge to bar the view from the road, Point (24).
- (24) Road - same as the road, Point (1) of Figure 1.
- (25) Bus Stop - for civilian vehicles.
- (26) Entrance to Casernes - consisting of two mesh wire gates about two meters long and 60 centimeters high; made of metal and guarded at all times.

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- (27) Guard Post - a brick construction measuring about 15X8X5 meters, with an asbestos low-pitched gable roof; the walls were painted dark green.
- (28) Building - an "L"-shaped, one-story, brick building with small trellis windows on all sides. This building was about eight meters wide and five meters high, length not recalled. [redacted] this building was utilized for storage. 25X1
- (29) Garage - for private vehicles. The building was constructed of metal with a corrugated, sheet iron shed-type roof; it measured 30X10X5 meters.
- (30) Shed - with corrugated, sheet iron walls and a metal, round roof. It measured 6X5X2.5 meters; purpose unknown.
- (31) Fence - mesh, with several strands of barbed wire; it was 1.8 meters high and surrounded the entire caserne area.
- (32) Billets - a U-shaped, three-story brick building with a tile gable roof, measuring 30X15X15 meters. Air Force personnel were billeted here.
- (33) Billets - a three-story, brick building measuring 50X15X15 meters.
- (34) Building - a one-story, brick building with a tile gable roof, measuring 20X10X5 meters. [redacted] 25X1
- (35) Administration Building - same dimensions and construction as building, Point (33). In 1953 this building housed the offices for an airfield battalion.
- (36) Billets - eight or more brick buildings with red tile gable roofs. Each measured approximately 20X10X8 meters. Officers and NCOs were billeted here.
- (37) Horizontal Wind Tunnel - built of reinforced concrete, about 100 meters long. [redacted] 25X1
- (38) Administration Building - a one-story, brick construction with a low-pitched gable roof. It was eight meters wide and five meters high with 20-meter-long wings. This building contained administrative offices and the LVZU (Letecky vyzkumny a zkusebni ustav - Aviation Research Institute). (Buildings northeast of the fence, Point (31), belonged to the Letnany Research Institute).
- (39) Building - a one-story, brick construction measuring 30X10X5 meters, type of roof unknown. [redacted] 25X1
- (40) Office Building - a wood and brick construction measuring about 15X8X5 meters, with a gable roof. This building housed an office called "Kancelar vojenske prijimaci spravy"

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(Turn-in and Acceptance - Office). If an aircraft was brought in from other airfields for repairs or was being picked up, personnel had to report to this office to obtain necessary aircraft documentation and papers.

- (41) Warehouse - same dimensions as building, Point (40). Tarpaulin, safety valves and other aircraft material were stored here.
- (42) Hangar - same dimensions and construction as hangar, Point (7). New or repaired aircraft ready for delivery were parked inside this hangar.

Letnany Airfield

- (43) Air Strip - grassy, well kept, hard soil. The area measured about 2500X500 meters. This strip was used as a testing field for aircraft produced in the Prague - Letnany Aircraft Plant.
- (44) Landing Strip - a grassy surface measuring about 1000X200 meters, outlined by white cloth markers, two meters long and one meter wide, placed on 1.5 meter high wooden poles. These poles were about 100 meters apart. 25X1
- (45) Building - a wooden construction measuring approximately 10X6X5 meters, with a tarpaper, straight roof. Inside this building was a meteorological station, a sleeping room for dispatchers, and an office for the airfield inspector (dozorci letiste). 25X1
- (45A) Control Tower - wooden, with a glass cupola. The tower measured 4X4X10 meters with wooden stairs leading to it from the outside. One windsock was placed on top of the cupola. Three people manned the tower at all times. 25X1
- (46) Building - a one-story, brick construction measuring 15X8X5 meters. This building contained offices for aircraft test pilots. in 1953 the best test pilot was Jan Kostik. 25X1
- (47) Complex of Buildings - single storied, brick construction. This complex contained at least ten buildings which served as workshops for the Prague-Letnany Aircraft Plant. Each building measured about 70X30X10 meters and had a round roof with skylights. The main office of the aircraft plant was located in one of these buildings.
- (48) Hangar - a pre-war type; same construction and dimensions as hangar, Point (21).
- (49) Complex of Buildings - hangar-like in appearance. 25X1

Enclosure: Sketch of Kbely Military Airfield

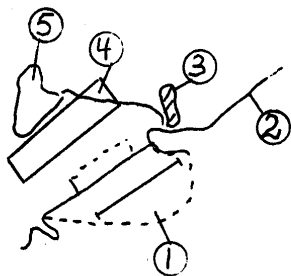
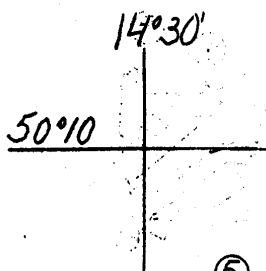
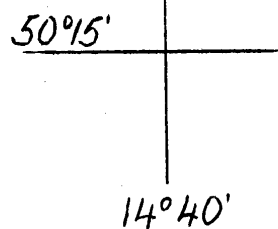
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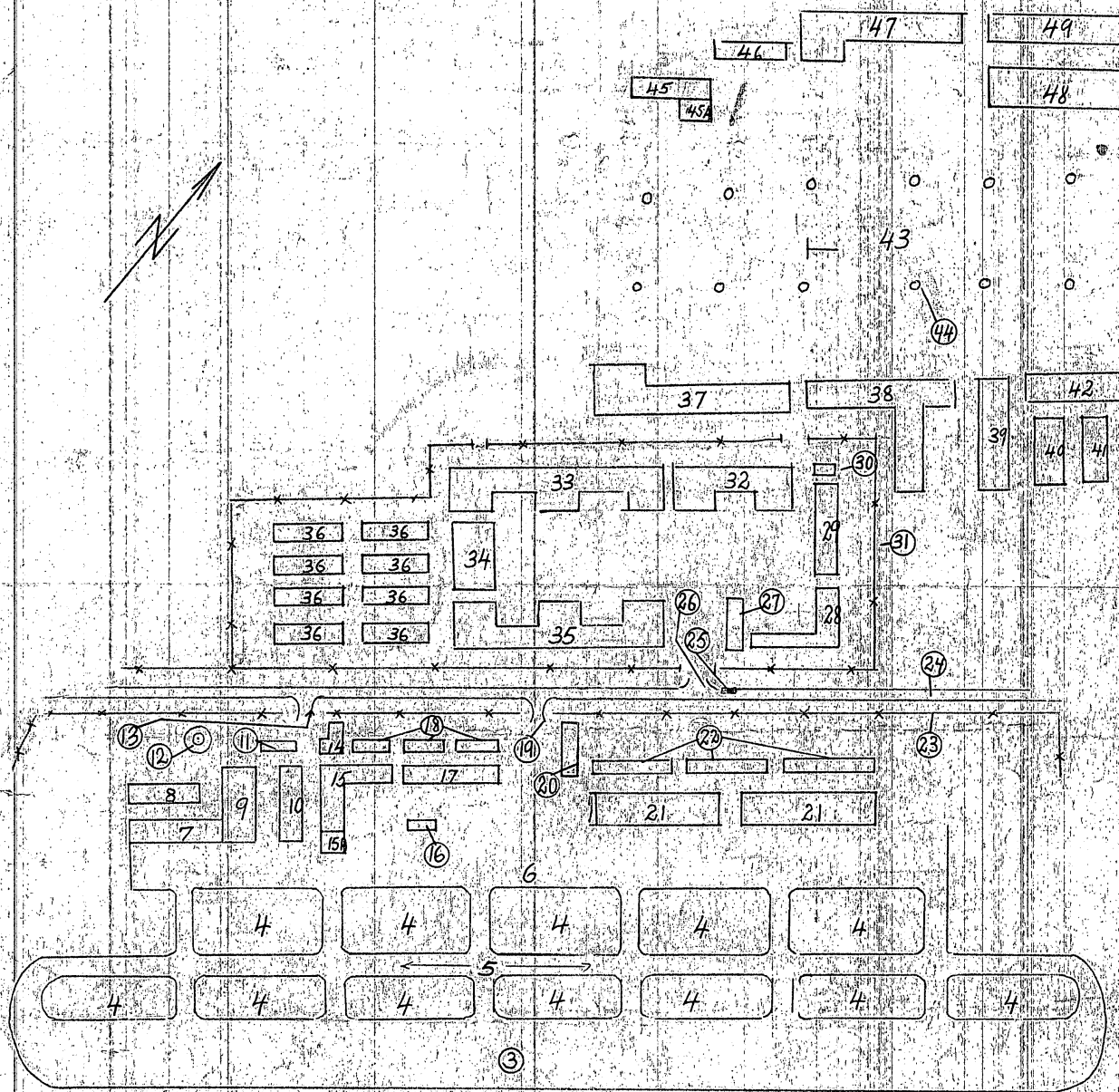
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